CLAIMS

1) A method for connecting a framework comprising a lowest portion to a top of a concrete masonry wall comprising at least one vertical channel, the method comprising the steps of:

a) providing an anchor having a threaded upper end and a grout-engaging lower end;

b) providing an anchor retainer comprising a body portion having an upper reference surface and a lower reference surface;

c) forming an anchor retainer assembly in which the threaded upper portion of the anchor extends above the upper reference surface of the retainer by a first selected height;

d) placing the anchor retainer assembly atop the wall so that the top surface of the wall abuts the bottom reference surface of the retainer, so that no portion of the retainer depends into the at least one channel and so that the grout-engaging end of the anchor depends into the channel;

e) pouring grout into the at least one vertical channel so as to capture the grout-engaging end of the anchor;

f) allowing the grout to harden;

g) disassembling the anchor retainer assembly by removing the anchor retainer from the anchor so as to leave the threaded upper end of the anchor extending above the top of the masonry wall;

h) placing at lowest portion of the framework on top of the wall so that the threaded upper end of the anchor extends upward through a throughhole in the lowest portion of the framework; and

i) threading at least one nut onto the anchor to fasten the framework to the masonry wall.

2) The method of Claim 1 wherein the anchor retainer comprises at least one leg depending from the body, the method further comprising a step prior to pouring grout into the at least one vertical channel of fastening at least one of the legs to the masonry wall by means of a concrete-penetrating fastener.

3) The method of Claim 1 wherein the anchor retainer comprises two flexible legs spaced apart from each other by less than a width of the wall when the retainer is not attached to the wall, and wherein the step of placing the anchor assembly atop the wall comprises pushing the anchor retainer downwards so as to spread the flexible legs apart.

4) The method of Claim 1 wherein the upper and lower reference surfaces of the anchor retainer are separated by a distance no greater than a thickness of the lowest portion of the framework.

5) The method of Claim 1 wherein the step of forming the anchor retainer assembly comprises threading a nut onto the anchor.

6) A method for connecting a framework comprising a lowest portion to a top of a concrete masonry wall comprising at least one vertical channel, the method comprising the steps of:

a) providing an anchor retainer assembly comprising an anchor connected to an anchor retainer wherein the anchor comprises a threaded upper end portion and a grout-engaging lower portion and the anchor retainer comprises a body having two legs depending therefrom;

b) placing the anchor retainer assembly on a concrete masonry wall so that the two legs of the retainer depend downwards on respective sides of the wall, so that a selected portion of the anchor extends above the top of the wall and so that the grout-engaging end of the anchor depends into the vertical channel;

d) pouring grout into the vertical channel and allowing the grout to harden so as to capture the grout-engaging end of the anchor therewithin;

e) disconnecting the anchor retainer from the anchor and removing the retainer;

f) placing at lowest portion of the framework on top of the wall so that the threaded upper end of the anchor extends upward through a throughhole in the lowest portion of the framework; and

g) threading at least one nut onto the anchor to fasten the framework to the masonry wall.

7) The method of Claim 6 wherein the two legs of the retainer are flexible and the step of placing the retainer assembly on the wall comprises pushing the retainer assembly downward so that the legs are forced apart and thereafter clamp the retainer assembly to the wall by spring forces/

8) The method of Claim 6 further comprising a step subsequent to placing the retainer assembly on the wall and prior to pouring the grout into the vertical channel of attaching at least one of the legs of the retainer to the wall by means of a concrete-penetrating fastener.